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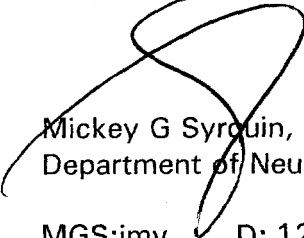
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To Whom It May Concern:

I have recently learned that there is a proposed FDA regulation that appeared in the September issue of the Federal Register which would allow the FDA to regulate some types of allograft as medical devices.

I currently use only bank bone fusion for back cervical spines and brain surgery. Allograft tissue, it is much easier for the patient not to have bone harvested from another side of their body. It decreases their length of stay in the hospital, decreases the pain, decreases risk of infections from the other incisional sites. I would hate to see a curtail supply of bone product which I rely on to treat my patients. I have never ever had any sort of trouble with the bank bone. I have been using bank bone for over 10 years. It is a great system at the present time. I do not feel that we need more government regulations for a profession that already has a great amount of third party intervention in a basic fee for service type system between a patient and a doctor. I urge you to look at this quite seriously and to please let me practice medicine the best that I can for my patients.

Respectfully,


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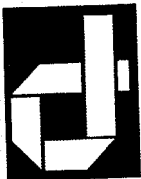
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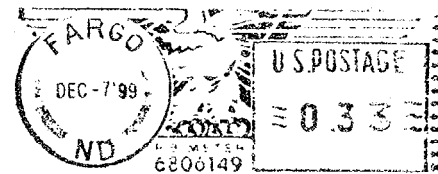
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